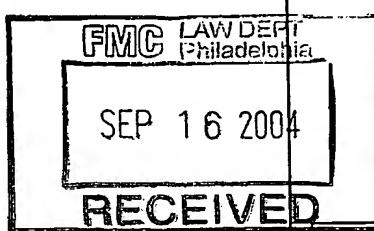


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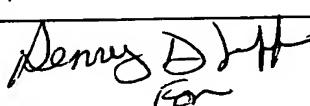
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I. Basis of the report

1. With regard to the elements of the international application:*

 the international application as originally filed. the description:

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pages NONE, filed with the demandpages NONE, filed with the letter of _____. the claims:

pages 28 and 29 as originally filed

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2. With regard to the language, all the elements marked above were available or furnished to this Authority in the language in which the international application was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item. These elements were available or furnished to this Authority in the following language _____ which is:

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3. With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application, the international preliminary examination was carried out on the basis of the sequence listing:

 contained in the international application in printed form. filed together with the international application in computer readable form. furnished subsequently to this Authority in written form. furnished subsequently to this Authority in computer readable form. The statement that the subsequently furnished written sequence listing does not go beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed has been furnished. The statement that the information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written sequence listing has been furnished.4. The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of: the description, pages NONE the claims, Nos. NONE the drawings, sheets/fig NONE5. This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).**

* Replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report since they do not contain amendments (Rules 70.16 and 70.17).

** Any replacement sheet containing such amendments must be referred to under item 1 and annexed to this report.

INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

International Application No.
PCT/US03/2004**V. Reasoned statement under Rule 66.2(a)(ii) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement****1. STATEMENT**

Novelty (N)

Claims 6-8, 13-17 YES
Claims 1-5, 9-12 NO

Inventive Step (IS)

Claims NONE YES
Claims 1-17 NO

Industrial Applicability (IA)

Claims 1-17 YES
Claims NONE NO**2. CITATIONS AND EXPLANATIONS**

In the response to the written opinion, applicant argues that the cited references do not disclose or suggest the present method or three component compositions used in the method, however it is submitted that the references disclose the methods and compositions as discussed below.

Claims 1-3 and 9-12 lack novelty under PCT Article 33(2) as being anticipated by US 5,741,427 (WATTS et al). WATTS et al teaches a method for the remediation of soil or groundwater comprising adding a peroxide and a Fe(II) EDTA chelate or Fe(III) salt to remove pesticides and other contaminants (see abstract, col. 3, lines 30-46, col. 4, lines 12-51, claims 1, 3).

Claims 1-5, 9 and 16 lack novelty under PCT Article 33(2) as being anticipated by US 5,700,107 (NEWTON). NEWTON teaches a method of soil remediation comprising adding a complexing agent that includes a chelating agent, a salt of iron, and a persulfate such as sodium persulfate to remove pesticides and other contaminants (abstract, col. 1, lines 52-67, col. 2, lines 24-49, col. 4, lines 1-16).

Claims 6-8 and 13-15 lack an inventive step under PCT Article 33(3) as being obvious over NEWTON. NEWTON discloses all of the limitations of the claims except that the peroxygen compound is a sodium or potassium monopersulfate or a combination of di-and monoperulfuate, and that preferred amounts of chelating agent and peroxygen compounds are used. It is submitted that one having ordinary skill in the art would know to use any available persulfate that is known in the art to be capable of oxidizing contaminants in soil based on the teaching of sodium persulfate in the patent. Also, the amounts of peroxygen and chelating agents are considered to be parameters that would have been routinely optimized by one having ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention based the nature of contamination and the desired level of decontamination.

Claim 17 lacks an inventive step under PCT Article 33(3) as being obvious over NEWTON in view of US 6,019,548 A (HOAG et al). NEWTON discloses all of the limitations of the claim except that the chelating agent, transition metal, and peroxygen compound are added sequentially. HOAG et al teach an in situ treatment method for soil remediation, comprising adding permanganate and persulfate to the soil either sequentially or together as an aqueous solution. It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to modify the process of NEWTON by adding the components sequentially in order to provide a method of treatment in the situation where a premix is costly or not readily available.

Claims 1-17 meet the criteria set out in PCT Article 33(4), and thus have industrial applicability because the subject matter claimed can be made or used in industry.

----- NEW CITATIONS -----